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5. (Twice Amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein a glutamic acid or a phenylalanine residue is substituted at residue 29 (corresponding to residue 28 of SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4).

6. (Amended) The polypeptide of claim 3, wherein a glutamic acid or a phenylalanine is substituted at residue 29 (corresponding to residue 28 of SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4).

7. (Three Times Amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein said modified GLA domain further comprises an amino acid substitution at residue 33 (corresponding to residue 32 of SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4).

8. (Amended) The polypeptide of claim 7, wherein a glutamic acid or an aspartic acid is substituted at residue 33 (corresponding to residue 32 of SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4).

9. (Amended) The polypeptide of claim 3, wherein said modified GLA domain further comprises a substitution of a glutamic acid or an aspartic acid at residue 33 (corresponding to residue 32 of SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4).

10. (Twice Amended) The polypeptide of claim 5, wherein said modified GLA domain further comprises a substitution of a glutamic acid or an aspartic acid at residue 33 (corresponding to residue 32 of SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4).

11. (Amended) The polypeptide of claim 3, wherein said modified GLA domain further comprises a substitution of a glutamic acid or a phenylalanine at residue 29 (corresponding to residue 28 of SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4).

12. (Amended) The polypeptide of claim 11, wherein said modified GLA domain comprises a glutamic acid or an aspartic acid residue at amino acid 33 (corresponding to residue 32 of SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4).

13. (Amended) The polypeptide of claim 9, wherein said modified GLA domain comprises a glutamine residue at amino acid 11 (corresponding to residue 10 of SEQ ID NO:3 or

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SEQ ID NO:4) and a glutamic acid residue at amino acid 33 (corresponding to residue 32 of SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4).

C1 14. (Amended) The polypeptide of claim 11, wherein said modified GLA domain comprises a substitution of a glutamine at residue 11 (corresponding to residue 10 of SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4) and a phenylalanine at residue 29 (corresponding to residue 28 of SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4). --